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Soviet (Soviet Zone)

Tank Repair Shop at Kirchmooser

see below

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DATE OF ORIGIN 26 July and 4 August 1951 25X1A

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REFERENCES

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1. On 26 July 1951, it was learned that a Soviet tank repair shop and material depot were located in the southern section of the former rolling mill at Kirchmooser. About 20 to 25 tanks were in front of one of the shed-like brick buildings. Four of the tanks were definitely identified as JS tanks. Three railroad cars carrying JS tanks with turret numbers 22, 24 and 44 were in the Kirchmooser railroad station. They had been seen in Brandenburg on the morning of the same day. The Soviet guards at the depot were allegedly furnished by a unit stationed in Potsdam. (1)

2. About 25 new [redacted] radio trucks were noticed in a section of the repair shop. Ammunition was unloaded from truck [redacted] near a small brick building. Sedan [redacted] occupied by high-ranking officers and [redacted] were seen entering the installation.

3. On 4 August 1951, 28 canvas-covered tanks were seen west and south of the round locomotive shed in the Soviet tank repair shop at Kirchmooser. Trucks [redacted] from which the wheels had been removed, were in the southern side of the installation. (2)

4. It was determined that the quarters at the tank repair shop were occupied to capacity by about 200 troops and most of them belonged to tank units. The reading officer was a colonel. Three preservation slips and a shell were found in the repair shop area. (3)

5. The northern section of the former German railway repair shop was guarded by a German Volkspolizei detail of about 30 men. (4)

25X1A [redacted] Comments.

(1) The information confirms the repair shop of the 123d Tank Repair Shop, [redacted] in the southern section of the former German railway repair shop at Kirchmooser. The same building houses a Soviet motor vehicle repair shop. [redacted]

(2) The motor vehicles mentioned in the report belong to the CCGF and 14 CCGF, the 6th Gds Tank Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army, and to the 14th Gds Mecz Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army.

(3) It is believed that there are 300 to 400 Soviet troops at the repair shop rather than 200 men.

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(c) The report probably refers to a guard detail of the German Volkspolizei which was previously mentioned. [REDACTED]

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